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BRITISH LOSE TO TURKS AT BAGDAD

Expeditionary Force of 170,000 English Meets Defeat After Moving From Egypt Against the Sultan's Army

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, Nov. 23.—After beating their way across Asia Minor to within striking distance of Bagdad, British troops were repulsed by Turkish hordes. The British expedition started several weeks ago, but the extent of the Turkish victory came to light only today.

One hundred and seventy thousand constituted the British force. In it were many Canadians, Australians and Indian troops. Making their way from Egypt, they came to within 10 miles of the ancient city of Bagdad, and threatened to destroy the independent railway line on which the central allies relied for their offensive into Egypt after joining hands with the Turks in Constantinople.

Several severe battles followed and then Turkish forces swept the invaders back 30 miles, insuring the safety of Bagdad. The campaign thus foiled is believed to have been part of a gigantic plan, including a Russian march across Persia for a junction with the other allied forces in the Bagdad region. The Russians, however, failed to accomplish their part of the program.

The German view is that the allies are now playing their last card and are now trying to land enough forces in Greece to menace German communications with Constantinople. The allies, however, underestimate the central powers' strength and resources.

Germany alone has 11,000,000 men in uniform, while her allies have other vast armies.

FIRE DESTROYING TOUGHEST TOWN ON THE CONTINENT

(By United Press Leased Wire.) El Centro, Cal., Nov. 23.—Fire is sweeping Mexicali, just across the border from Calexico. Twenty buildings have been destroyed. The blaze originated in a saloon.

Most of the structures burned were small wooden affairs. Five wooden stores were consumed. The damage to the principal buildings is estimated at \$10,000.

While the Calexico fire department crossed the line and fought the flames scores of women fled from the dance halls and resorts menaced by the blaze. Numbers of them are homeless.

Mexicali has the reputation of being one of the wildest towns on the continent. Its gambling houses and resorts are nationally notorious.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER IS NEAR STARVATION

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 23.—Responding to signals flashed from the Green Island lighthouse, the New England Fish company's vessel New England sent a dory ashore and found the lighthouse keeper and his family on the point of starvation as the result of having had to feed three Japanese fishermen, driven ashore in a gale.

The Japanese were taken off and provisions sent to the lighthouse by the New England.

AMERICAN CLUB WOMEN MOVE FOR PEACE IN EUROPE

New York, Nov. 23.—The cries of the nation's mothers, feeling for the anguish of Europe's mothers, soon will echo in the White House in a peace plea, perhaps the greatest organized movement thus far undertaken. The women's peace party today sent out to presidents and vice-presidents of women's clubs throughout the country 10,000 telegrams, in which they urged members to wire the White House a plea that the president call a conference of neutral nations to end the war. The pleas will be in the name of the mothers of the world and will result in the greatest telegraphic bombardment of President Wilson he has ever experienced.

Mrs. Henry Ford, of Detroit, contributed \$60,000 for sending out the messages by club women, which were signed by Jane Addams, as president of the peace party.

ADVISE REVISION OF TARIFF TO RAISE MILITARY FUNDS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Nov. 23.—Minority Leader Mann of the house of representatives accepted today President Wilson's invitation for a conference concerning the military preparedness program at the White House next week. He announced that if the president asked his advice on the subject of raising revenues to meet the proposed increased military expenditures, he would recommend revision of the tariff as the best means. In this connection Mann plans to introduce in the house a bill for creation of a non-partisan expert tariff commission, a means of adjusting tariff questions long urged by the republican party. Mann expressed the hope that the bull moosers and republican congressmen will amalgamate in the coming session, and announced that Congressman Chandler, bull mooser of New York, had asked to be enrolled as a republican. Others, he advised, desire to do the same thing.

DR. HAISELDEN MAY FACE CRIMINAL CHARGE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Nov. 23.—Though cleared of blame by a coroner's jury for refusing to operate on Baby Bollinger, defective, Dr. Haiselden may yet face charges. There was some prospect today that the case might be presented to the grand jury. Meantime, Haiselden is seeking a law to sterilize epileptics and insane in public institutions.

RAILROAD TUNNEL AT WASHINGTON IS UNDER GUARD

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Nov. 23.—Extra police guarded today the railroad tunnel which runs beneath the capitol and near the Congressional library and the senate house buildings to the \$20,000,000 Union station.

Just what caused the extra precautions is known only in a general way, but persistent rumors indicated that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad had received letters indicating that a plan was afoot to blast the tunnel and destroy buildings around the capitol plaza.

Superintendent Keppel of the Terminal company said merely that the watch was established to "be on the safe side."

A Presidential Proclamation by Woodrow Wilson

It has long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us as a nation.

Never before have the people of the United States been so situated for their own advantage or the advantage of their neighbors or so equipped to serve themselves and mankind.

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, do hereby designate the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and prayer and invite the people throughout the land to cease from their wonted occupations and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks to Almighty God.

VAST SUM WAS RAISED TO FURTHER PLOT SAYS NAVAL ATTACHE BOY-ED

New York, Nov. 23.—Naval Attache Boy-Ed of the German embassy was named directly today in the alleged Hamburg-American steamship officials' plot to supply German commerce raiders. (With the jury finally picked, Assistant District Attorney Wood, in outlining the case, said that Boy-Ed claimed a fund of \$750,000 was deposited with the firm of Essen & Kullenkamp. Of this amount \$600,000 was sent to San Francisco for Pacific coast activities, he said. The deposit was made in August, 1914, by a "higher-up," whom, Wood said, the government had been unable to identify.

Richard Wrigley, a ship broker, verified documents showing that he negotiated for vessels to carry the defendant's supplies to German raiders. Four government witnesses were missing when the case started today, including a Philadelphia business man, who is known to have gone to the money sent to San Francisco, Wood declared, was to supply three ships, after chartering them. Coal and other goods, he indicated, were taken out by the three to the raider Leipzig. One vessel was purchased outright.

All these transactions, Wood charged, were under Boy-Ed's supervision.

The Hamburg-American officials, he charged, conspired completely in furnishing these supplies, and in so doing "rode rough shod over American treaties and laws as though they were scraps of paper."

The defense agreed to admit many facts stated by Wood, but announced it would contend they constituted no violation of United States law or treaties. The admission that Boy-Ed had any connection with the incidents was withdrawn.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS FOR PEACE, BUT NOT THE PEACE AT ANY PRICE KIND

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, Nov. 22 (Delayed).—German socialists are determined to fight the long war to the end rather than agree to a peace that "will bend Germany to her knees."

This is the view of Philip Scheidemann, socialist member of the reichstag, who outlined today the position the socialists will take when the reichstag convenes again December 13.

"The German socialist party is for peace every day," he said, "but not for the kind that our enemies desire. Premier Asquith of England said that peace can not be made until England has reached her goal—Germany's defeat; while Premier Briand of France declared it could not be effected until Alsace-Lorraine had been restored to France."

"Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg said it could not be accomplished until Germany is assured that Belgium will not become England's political and military vassal."

"I believe that Hollweg's terms are the more reasonable."

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He agreed that Germany should not annex Belgium.

"The change that has swept over Germany recently can hardly be understood," he continued. "The food crisis has passed. Our armies are successful in Serbia, and Germany is again stocked like a gigantic fortress. Prices are declining and this has given Germany a new confidence."

"The people have had a re-birth of the war spirit. Those recently talking of defeating the allies on the western front now see visions of the Germans approaching the Suez canal."

Scheidemann said he had learned after investigation that there is no foundation for the reports that the foreign minister and colonial secretary are negotiating for peace. In fact, neither has consulted the Kaiser or Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg for several weeks.

He said the socialists had successfully decreased prices of foodstuffs. Now part of Germany's immense potato harvest will be converted into flour, spirits for automobiles and for Zeppelins.

SERBIANS REGAIN DISTRICT LOST TO THE BULGARIANS

Athens, Nov. 23.—Repulsing the Bulgars, the Serbs have regained the Velez-Prilep front in southern Serbia, said the Serbian official statement today.

The Serb army countered after a desperate rally before Monastir and drove the Bulgars back over 20 miles. This partially restored the Serb line and places the right wing in touch with the French before Velez. It also clears a strip of from 30 to 40 miles wide in southern Serbia.

Even if the enemy compels the Serbs to retire, the allies are confident that an orderly retreat is assured and that there is now no danger that the Serbs will be driven into Albania, where they might meet a hostile reception.

DISPOSITION OF BELGIUM MAKES PEACE PLAN DISTANT

Berlin, Nov. 2 (By Mail).—England and Germany apparently are farther from an agreement on the all-important Belgium question right now than at the beginning of the war. Conversation with a number of leading men and recent newspaper statements confirms that belief.

That is the real reason why they say in England and France that the war will last five years. It is also the reason why General von Kluck sees no end to the war in sight. For it is realized here, as well as in London, that there can be no peace until the Belgian question is definitely settled. For years Belgium's position was the crux of secret political discussion in both England and Germany. Since the war began both England and Germany have adopted the firmest policies with respect to the tiny kingdom.

These policies are as far apart as the poles, and apparently are upheld by the people of the respective governments.

That Foreign Secretary von Jagow in his recent statement to the United Press regarding Belgium expressed the conviction of 99 per cent of the German people is evidenced by the universal approval in the German newspapers.

WM. JENNINGS BRYAN HEADS WINONA ASSEMBLY

Warsaw, Ind., Nov. 23.—Former Secretary of State Bryan was chosen president today of the Winona assembly. He had agreed to take this post when the assembly re-established itself financially. Reorganization is now complete.

TOOK EVERYTHING OF VALUE FROM A RAIDED OFFICE

Los Angeles, Nov. 23.—Julius Kuecher, former Indianapolis deputy sheriff, testifying today for the prosecution in the murder trial of M. A. Schmidt, alleged McNamara accomplice, declared he raided the offices of the International Bridge & Structural Iron Workers at Indianapolis without a warrant and took "everything of value except the shelves."

H. P. Dugan, a former ironworkers' official, on the witness stand, described the financial activities of the McNamaras and other union officials during the period preceding the time of the blowing up of the Times building here. The state alleges the Times explosion was paid for by J. J. McNamara and his associates.

ITALY TO AID ALLIES IN THE BALKANS

Greece Also Believed to Have Yielded to the Demands of England and France Without Further Coercion

Zurich, Switzerland, Nov. 23.—Italy has decided to send an expedition to the Balkans to help the allies, according to the Rome correspondent of the Neu Zurichter Zeitung today.

The allies' firmness with Greece has turned the scale in their favor, he added.

London, Nov. 23.—Greece is believed to have yielded sufficiently to the allies' demands to have obviated the necessity for coercing her. This conclusion is based on the official denial here today that any Greek ships have been seized or held in British ports or that any blockade of Greece has been established.

Authorities assume that if Greece had not at least promised to refrain from interference with the allies in the Balkans the step of blockading her and seizing her ships would have been taken.

SHIP LA FRANCE WAS PURSUED BY SUBMARINE BOAT

Washington, Nov. 22.—After announcing he had a report from the Ancona captain saying a German submarine sank that vessel, Secretary of State Lansing corrected his statement this afternoon by declaring the message was from the captain of the steamer La France. The latter reported that a large submarine, without a flag, halted him. He did not explain how he escaped, but claimed the vessel was German.

PORTLAND TRUNK MURDER MYSTERY STILL UNSOLVED

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Portland, Nov. 23.—The trunk mystery was as far from solution today as it was last Saturday, when the place where the man whose body was found in a traveling chest in the Willamette river was killed, was located.

Despite the flooding of the north-west and other parts of the country with telegrams and the combined efforts of the Portland police, the identity of the murdered man has not been established to a certainty, nor has any trace been found of George Bartholomew, alias Ed Hopkins, who is charged with the killing.

Captain of Detectives Baty still believes that the dead man's name was John Lund. This was the name he went by in Salem and Albany. The possibility that he might have been George Rogers, a farm hand who left Eugene last month with \$700 in his possession, is again entertained.

The belief that robbery was the motive for the trunk murder was substantiated today by the finding of a canvas money belt which had been ripped open. The belt was found among the clothing taken from the trunk in which the body of the murdered man was packed before being thrown into the river.